

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to communications filed 24 March 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-5, 8-14, 17-20, 24 and 25 (renumbered as 1-18).
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 05 April 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office Action is responsive to communications filed 24 March 2005.
2. Per applicant's request, amended claims 1, 8-10, 12, 17-18 and 20 have been entered. Claims 21-23 have been canceled. Newly added claims 24-25 have been entered. Claims 1-5, 8-14, 17-20, 24 and 25 are now pending.
3. Claims 1-5, 8-14, 17-20, 24 and 25 have been examined.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments, see pages 6-8 of the Remarks, filed 24 March 2005, with respect to the rejection of claims 1-5, 8-14 and 17-21 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of claims 1-5, 8-14 and 17-21 has been withdrawn.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

5. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Kelly T. Lee on 13 May 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

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Per claim 12:

Line 1, after "apparatus" -- implemented in a computer-readable medium -- has been added.

These changes were required to further clarify the claims and obviate any rejection under 35 U.S.C.

101.

Allowable Subject Matter & Examiner's Statement of Reason(s) for Allowance

3. Claims 1-5, 8-14, 17-20, 24 and 25 (renumbered as 1-18) are allowed.

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The closest found prior art of record, U.S. Patent 6,064,813 to Sitbon et al., taken alone or in combination, fails to teach or reasonably suggest a method for independent tool integration in accordance with independent claim 1. Specifically, Sitbon does not teach at least *creating a tool definition file that defines tools...the creating step comprising assigning the tools to roles by a trusted user via an authorization model...assigning the roles to a plurality of users via the authorization model, wherein the plurality of users are, depending on the roles assigned, selectively authorized to execute the tools associated with the roles on nodes in a network; delivering the tool definition file to a directory on the server; determining if a user is authorized to run the tools on each of the nodes in the network; executing a tool command against the tool definition file to integrate the tools...* (claim 1). Similar limitations are recited in independent claims 12 and 20.

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Instead, Sitbon et al. is directed to a application integration tool for integrating applications into a data processing platform. The integration tool allows any application to be integrated to benefit automatically from the services offered by the platform as soon as it is installed, and facilitates the launching of applications at a plurality of sites. However, Sitbon et al. do not disclose the ability of creating a tool definition file by using an authorization model that assigns tools to associated roles and assigns too enabled roles to different users. Furthermore, Sitbon et al. do not disclose a determination as to whether a user is authorized to run a tool on each node of a network. Note pages 6-8 of the applicant's Remarks.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Trent J. Roche whose telephone number is (571) 272-3733. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 5:30 pm.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kakali Chaki can be reached on (571) 272-3719. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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